

Midrash *Kedoshim* ("You Shall be Holy Ones") Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27

Chapters 1-15 Becoming Holy
 Chapter 16 God Recognizing your Holiness on *Yom Kippur*
 Chapters 17 & On Maintaining your Holiness

Chapter 19 Summarizes All of Torah: "*You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.*" Leviticus 19:2
 This Portion begins and ends with this statement!

Holiness is not a theory; it is involved in every facet of our lives.

The "Law" commands holiness but cannot supply it.

But our sin is overcome by the Holy Spirit dwelling within us!

Romans 8

"*I am the LORD*" appears 20 times in this Portion: God draws the line between right and wrong!

Holiness is not withdrawing into a cave; it is doing right in view of the world.

"What is forbidden, one must not; what is permitted, one need not."

The Commandments, Offerings & Gleanings

Leviticus 19:1-10

The Commandments to a Higher Level:

No Idol Worship Don't even turn towards them!

verse 4

Remember Shabbat שָׁמַר *shamar* - keep, guard, protect

Honor Parents "*Stand in awe*" of them (as you would your king)

verse 3

Respect mother as much as father

Love father as much as mother

Peace Offerings

verses 5-8

We offer it voluntarily, but God determines how it is to be done

Cain should have read this part!

The Law of Gleaning

Verses 9-10

Leave the corners standing & leave what you spill on the ground

God's Welfare Program

Practical application in Book of Ruth

Yeshua's Explanation

Matt 19:16-22

God Shows us His Standard for Holiness

Honor our Parents

Keep (Protect) the Shabbat

Respect His Offerings

Provide for the Needy

Honest Dealings with Others

Leviticus 19:11-16

The Commandments to a Higher Level

No Stealing Don't deal falsely with others

Examples: Denying your obligations

Under (or (late) payment of employees

Stealing the opinions of others

Lengthy explanations

"Let your yes be yes, and your no be no"

Matt 5:37

No Name in Vain Don't use The Name in any "common" way

Don't Curse the Deaf

Don't give evil advice to the unsuspecting

Do not Pervert Justice

verse 15

Do not be a Gossipmonger

verse 16

Love Your Neighbor Lev 19:17-18
No hatred; no vengeance

No Mingling Lev 19:19
Mingled Seed

Wheat and Tares Matt 13:24-43

Linen & Wool

Linen - Sanctified for Priests

Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

Clean & Unclean

Holy & Common

Hot & Cold

Rev 3:14-2

No GMO's; no hybrids

Law of the Trees Lev 10:23-25

Fruit of the First 3 Years – “Unclean”

Fruit of the 4th Year – Holy (Set Apart)

Fruit of the 5th Year & After – To be Eaten

Prohibition of Canaanite Customs Lev 19:26-37

No Blood

Don't “round the corners of your head”

No Piercings

No Tattoos

No Temple Prostitutes

No Sorcery

No Unrighteous Judgments

Punishment for Sin Leviticus 20:1-27

You will be Cut Off from God if you:

Sacrifice your Firstborn to *Molech*

Practice Sorcery

Curse your Parents

Practice Sexual Immorality (Un-holy “Mixtures”):

Man with a Woman not his Wife

Man with Man

Woman with Woman

Mankind with Beast

Do not Walk in the Manner of the Gentiles

“And you shall be holy unto Me: for I the LORD am Holy, and have severed you from other people, that you should be Mine”

Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 15 God Judgment of Israel and Her Reward

Brit Chadashah: Mark 12:28-34 Yeshua's Summary of All of Torah